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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.
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TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

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CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

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LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

Intimations.



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz.:—

BISCUIT. RAISINS.

SOFT BREAD. RICE.

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FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA.

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Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BREMINER, Storekeeper.

H. M. V. sailing Yard,

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will

CLOSE for Public Business, at 12 o'Clock Noon, on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"

H. H. NEISON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"

J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"

E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India Limited,"

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe19

WANTED: ABOUT 6 TONS of OREGON PINE PLANKS.

Apply to Capt. HYDE,

S. S. Pernambuco,

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe16

TAKASHIMA COAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to De-

LIVER the above COAL, ex Godown,

in quantities to suit Purchasers.

LINSTEAD & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. fe10

For Sale.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETT'S DIARIES, LETT'S DIARIES.
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.
HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.
French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS'S ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

BASS in Hinds, SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Entertainment.

ROYAL TYCOON JAPANESE TROUPE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe15

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, TO-MORROW AND MONDAY EVENINGS, the 15th and 17th February, 1879.

The Company is now returning home to Japan, and beg to inform the Public that they will give TWO GRAND PERFORMANCES,

INTRODUCING ALL THE STARTLING WONDERS for which

THIS TROUPE IS FAMED

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
HONGKONG AGENCY.
FROM Date Mr G. de CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.
L. HENNEQUIN, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.
RUSSELL & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of MARINE SURVEYOR.
R. H. CAIRNS.
Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 6, 1879.

NOTICE.

M. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.
HEINEMANN & CO.,
Ship Brokers.
Hongkong, January 17, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.
E. D. SASOON & CO.
Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & CO."
J. GRANT SMITH.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. LOKING, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbutnott Road.—

The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.

Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.

Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables.

Crystal Gasoliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paintings, and Chromos.

American Bronzes, Statuettes, and Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Dining-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table.

American-made Oak Sideboard, Handsomely Carved.

American-made Walnut Dining-room Chairs.

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, and Glassware.

American Plated-ware.

Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Walnut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.

Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book Shelves, Clocks, &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD and SONS.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB LUSITANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises.

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 125, measuring about 6,406 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUSITANO THEATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—THE GAS SUNLIGHT, BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879.

AUCTIONS.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, situated on the Praya at Wan-chai, now in complete working Order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground situated at Wan-chai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on the East side on a clonal registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a clonal registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64 4, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 86,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weinrich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weinrich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.

There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.

The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BREWER, Solicitor, No. 29 Queen's Road; MESSRS SHARP, TOLLEN & JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and MESSRS STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th day of Feb., 1879.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 24th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. RADNORSHIRE having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless applied for by the Consignees by 11 a.m., To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be Held at the Company's Office, No. 39 Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz.—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if necessary shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be Held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m., To-morrow, the 18th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "RADNORSHIRE" will be despatched as above on SATURDAY Next, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE".

Commandant Le Ponton, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "D'EMMAH".

Commandant Hernandez, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

BRITISH SHIP JAMES SHEPHERD, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 13, James Shepherd, British barque, 849, Madras, London Sept. 17, General.

part in its successful production—from the able conductor (Mr Sangster) down to the smallest “midshipmite”—comes in for a share, large or small, of the common credit due to the entire company.

We will not here touch upon the musical merits of the *Pinafore*, or upon the plot which it develops, especially as the latter has been neatly placed before our readers in another column. The creditable performance of the piece by amateurs is even more remarkable than that of the music or the plot. When the curtain rose upon the deck of the vessel, with the Peak and city of Victoria in the background, the first impression was that the Society had taken on board, not a dungeon, but a ship, with all her crew and appurtenances. Everything was nautical—some of the “facks” were very much so—excepting of course the First Lord and his female relations; and we may as well here remark that there was no hitch throughout, that the musical portion of the entertainment (including its conduct and accompaniment) proceeded with admirable smoothness, and that the arrangements throughout seemed to meet all requirements. For amateurs this speaks volumes.

One remark more about Sir Joseph, and that distinguished personage will be disposed of. The manner in which he seems to have caught the spirit of the time in relation to our little political world is as amazing as it was effective, giving occasion as it did to the happiest hits and references to things in general, which sparkled and bubbled over throughout his part, and raised it to an importance which in itself it could never have assumed. And now *Mauriello*, *Henry VIII*, *Twelfth Night*, *Mold, Potter, Sir Joseph—good bye!* May your shadow and your reputation never be less!

Captain Corcoran, the captain of the *Pinafore*, was the first character ever undertaken on the stage by Mr. P. C. B., and as such he looked, acted, and sang his part with great credit to himself and pleasure to the audience. He was a good representation of the substantial but gentlemanly modern naval officer, and the utter disgust which he displayed at the intrusion of Sir Joseph and his attendant “sisters and his cousins and his aunts,” though it may have imparted a stiffness of aspect to his acting, was very well rendered throughout. With a good voice, his adaptability, correct taste, and careful preparation, he proved himself to be a most valuable aid to a Society aspiring to a dramatic representation.

Mr. Tom Bowling is too well known to require any elaborate notice. His voice has already given him a position before the public, and his personation of *Ralph Rackstraw* justifies it to the full. But it must be said further that Ralph proved on this occasion that he had more dramatic stuff in him than he has shown hitherto; his rendering of the part including some bits of acting which called forth well-merited applause quite apart from his capital singing. It may here be mentioned, as reflecting credit upon Seaman Corcoran and Captain Rackstraw, that they both looked their original characters better than those assumed after they changed places.

The hideous *Dick Deadeye*—the most thankless and yet probably the most difficult part in the piece—was very effectively sustained by Mr. E. Ewing, who is a new man on the boards, although well known as a warm supporter of musical entertainments as were his brothers before him. His success was clearly shown by the shrunken sympathies of the audience towards *Dick*, although this must have increased the difficulty of his role.

Mons. Maurice made a capital, business-like *Boatswain*, and was well rewarded by the audience for his good work; while Mr. H. Swiveller looked as he was called upon to do—a well-straightened-up *Sergeant of Marines*.

The part of the prima donna was undertaken by Miss Kerr at a late period of the rehearsals, owing to the indisposition of a lady whose previous successes have frequently been recorded in these columns; and the manner in which the leading character of *Josephine* was sustained has at once established this new candidate for operatic honours in the good opinion of the public. From her first entrance, when she sang the ballad “Sorry her lot who loves too well, until the curtain fell, Miss Kerr succeeded in enlisted the sympathies of the audience towards *Dick*, although this must have increased the difficulty of his role.

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Miss Kerr was quietly and neatly represented by Miss Fraser, who acted and sang throughout in a very graceful and engaging manner indeed. As leader of the round dozen of attractive “sisters, cousins and aunts,” she played her part well, and subsided into the arms of the big, little First Lord with a winning smile which was applauded to the echo.

Cousin Hebe was quietly and neatly represented by Miss Fraser, who acted and sang throughout in a very graceful and engaging manner indeed. As leader of the round dozen of attractive “sisters, cousins and aunts,” she played her part well, and subsided into the arms of the big, little First Lord with a winning smile which was applauded to the echo.

Last, but not least—and really one of the best parts of the opera—comes *Little Buttercup*, the Bumboat-Woman, baby-farmer, and sweetheart. This character was represented by Madame Chervau, who was warmly greeted, as an old friend of Hongkong audiences, the moment she appeared, with her basket of sailor’s “notions,” amongst the appreciative crew of the *Pinafore*. Buttercup’s “get-up” was very happy, and when it is said that she singing and acting were admirably in keeping with her appearance, it will be understood that her representation was successful in the fullest sense.

An amateur well known in our dramatic history introduced a sailor’s hornpipe during the first act with such marvellous skill that he was compelled to reappear, and start afresh; and some of our naval friends asserted that this was the best part of the entertainment.

The Band of the 74th Highlanders played selections during the evening; and the accompaniments were played excellently well by his family.

Owing to their visit to Canton, H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Henniker were unfortunately unable to be present at the entertainment. There were, however, amongst those present—Major General and Mrs. Doherty, Vice-Admiral Coote, Lady Smale, Mr. J. J. and Mrs. Snowdon, Colonel Jago, and a large number of naval and military officers. The audience was one of the largest known in this Colony for many years past.

[BY A CONTRIBUTOR.]

That the Choral Society carry with them the sympathy of all here for the spirited way they are now catering to satisfy the sensitive palate of the Hongkong-Community in varying their hitherto stereotyped bill of fare by substituting the fascinating Opera Bouffe, with its bright accessories of scenic effects and gay dresses, for the more aesthetic entertainment of the Concert confined to strictly classical music and draped in the conventional black coat and white tie of rigid propriety,—is now an unquestioned fact. The enthusiasm which drove so many to hurry over an early breakfast and stand on tip-toe outside the doors of Messrs Lane, Crawford’s Stores before they were opened for the day, on the morning when the tickets for last night’s performance were first for sale, showed an impatience for the coming treat that was unmistakable. Had there been a party organization to pack the theatre for some political end, the rush to secure seats could hardly have been greater. So far, however, from any manoeuvring of the kind being discernible, it was evident that the excitement had come upon the City like an epidemic, and the chagrined expression of numbers who went, as they thought, early enough in all conscience to get tickets for the front row, and found themselves relegated to back seats under the gallery, showed how little they expected such keen competition. One thing was clear as day,—whether it was the popularity which the particular opera announced had gained for itself in England, or the confidence that was felt in the Company from the specimens they had given of their powers, when, a twelvemonth ago, they first departed from old traditions and inaugurated a new phase of their existence by the production of the operetta “Trial by Jury.” The public expected great things when the curtain should rise on the night fixed for bringing out the Entirely Original Nautical Comic Opera by the same composer entitled H. M. S. *Pinafore*. The most captious critic will hardly dare to say, with the cheer and plaudits of a crammed house still ringing in his ears, that the performance of last night disappointed public expectation. It would be like dissecting a butterfly to analyse a plot light and impulsive as that which afforded us so much amusement a few hours ago. Robbed of its delicate plumage by rough handling, the butterfly would lose all its beauty, and stripped of its stage effect, the pliancy of the acting, and the excellence of the singing, the plot of the *Pinafore* is hardly worth noticing, except for the vein of satire that runs through it directed at the practice that obtains at official Head Quarters of appointing men to high posts for which they are totally unfit. A mere outline of the plot will be sufficient for all purposes.

Sir J. Joseph Porter, K. C. B., who owes his appointment of First Lord of the Admiralty to always voting at his party’s call, and never thinking for himself at all, pays a visit of inspection to H. M. S. *Pinafore*, as she lies at anchor opposite our snug little city nestling under the bare hills of Hongkong, with the view at the same time of pressing his suit for the hand of Josephine, Captain Corcoran’s daughter, to whom he is an object of aversion—her heart at the time being already given to Ralph Rackstraw, able seaman on board the *Pinafore*, and, according to his own estimation, the smartest lad in all the fleet. The First Lord struts on board, followed by a bevy of sycophantic female relations, who evidently look upon him as a valuable chattel in which they each have an interest and therefore not be trusted out of their sight for a moment,—like a Turkey-Cook with a train of jealous hens in attendance, and improves the occasion by snubbing Captain Corcoran before his men, impressing the crew that a British Sailor is any man’s equal but his own, when he retires to the cabin to refresh the inner man and make love to Josephine. After a while Josephine comes on deck nauseated with Sir Joseph’s attention and is encountered by Ralph, who declares his love only to be repulsed by her on account of the gulf of social position that separates them, and, to avoid his importunities, is driven back into her cabin, reappearing however after a short interval just in time to stay the hand of her lover in the act of pistolizing himself, when she agrees to elope with him that very night. Here the curtain falls on the first act. The second act represents the same scene by moonlight and discovers the Captain on deck in a very low state of mind, having been threatened by the First Lord with a Court-martial for not dancing the hornpipe to his satisfaction, but is consoled by little Buttercup, a bumboat woman, the rosiest, roundest and rudest beauty in all Hongkong, to such an extent, that he declares he is so touched by her innocent regard for him, that, if they were differently situated, he thinks he could have returned it. In this declaration little Buttercup retires, and the Captain receives warning from Dick Deadeye, a hopeless chap and an object of aversion to the others, of his daughter’s intended flight with Ralph Rackstraw, lies in wait for the culprit, and, catching them in the act, seizes his temper so far as to get the better of him as to swear roundly at them, and be ordered to his cabin by Sir Joseph for using bad language, at the same time that Ralph is consigned to the deepest dungeon on board for his audacity in poaching on the First Lord’s manor. At this moment little Buttercup comes to the rescue like the “Deus ex machina,” and explains that, a many years ago when she was young and charming—as some present are supposed to know—she practised baby-farming, requiring under her care two tender babes, one of low condition, the other upper trust, the well-born babe being Ralph, while the Captain was the other, and so mixed them up that (as Sir Joseph put it to the latter) it seemed that “you were Ralph and Ralph was you.” This explanation smooths away all difficulties in the way of poetical justice being done to the principal actors on the score of social position; the Captain pairs off with little Buttercup, Ralph with Josephine, and Sir Joseph with Cousin Hebe, the most forward of all his female relations; who, once in possession, gives good bye once for all to her Lord’s sisters and his cousins, and his heirs, especially his Cousins Hebe, who reckons up by dozens.

That the role of Sir Joseph Porter, by so

and so tickled the audience with the good-natured “gag” he introduced on local topics that have lately occupied public attention, that he secured for himself reception, probably never before in any quarter of the world, accorded to an amateur. Mr. Tom Bowling, also a deserved favorite here, not only sustained his former reputation but showed a marked improvement in the spirit he infused into his part. He was in capital voice, his high notes being heard to great advantage, and his solo “A maiden fair to see,” which was sung with great expression, elicited a well-deserved encore. The part of Captain Corcoran, a true sailor who could stand, reef, steer and ship a salvager too, whatever that may mean, but a gentleman above all, fitted Mr. William Phease to a T. It was his first appearance on any stage, and his acting at the beginning, especially in his flirtation with little Buttercup, wanted more life and bye-play; but he warmed up to his part as the play proceeded, and towards the end swore at Ralph Rackstraw for trying to sleep with his daughter in good earnest; and he appeared to best advantage just before the curtain fell at the close of the second Act, posed as a Jolly Tar with his arm round his little Buttercup. His singing however was his great forte, his rendering of the Solo “Fair Moon to the Sing” gained the just applause it merited. Certainly the part could not have failed to better hands. The odious part of *Dick Deadeye* fell to another novice, Mr. Ewing. Whether the interpretation of the character as rendered by him was the reproduction of some London model, or Mr. Ewing’s own idea of the part, it could not have been better rendered in the hands of the oldest professional. His singing too was of a high order, and his whole performance most creditable. Lieutenant Maurice as boatswain infused great spirit into his part; and the Crew, one and all, vied with each other in helping on the action of the piece.

Miss Kerr, to whom was apportioned the rôle of Josephine, has a rich soprano voice, and the rendering of the solos which fell to her part was most effective. Her self-possession, considering this was the first occasion of her appearing before the public, was remarkable, and the applause which greeted her throughout showed clearly that she was well fitted to take the leading part in any future performance of the kind. Madame Chervau, who took the part of Little Buttercup, is an old member of the Choral Society, and seemed perfectly at home on the stage, the music of the part being well calculated to bring out her fine contralto voice with telling effect, while the situations in which she was placed afforded her a wide field for the display of any amount of sly humour, of which she availed herself to the utmost. The Choruses were well sung, from beginning to end, both ladies and gentlemen rendering the music with great spirit and a regard for keeping accurate time which reflected great credit upon the painstaking conductor, Mr. Sangster.

The way the piece was put on the Stage would have been creditable to any London theatre. Nothing was neglected to make the one scene of the piece—the Quarter-deck of a man of war—as realistic as possible. The brightly polished blonade on the raised poop over the entrance to the cabin—the hammocks stowed in their notches on the bulkheads in the first act and cleared away in the second—the truly regulation cut of the crew’s uniform as well as their beards—the admirable view of Hongkong in the background, made us forget we were in a theatre and thus enhanced our sympathies with the actors; but no efforts of the Property-man or the Scene painter could have brightened up the stage or evoked the enthusiasm of the audience to half the extent as did the appearance of Sir Joseph’s Sisters, and his wife, and his aunts, especially his cousins, in the numbers that graced the board last night.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE departure of the P. M. S. S. City of Peking for San Francisco is postponed to Monday, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

H. M. S. Iron Duke went out for target practice this morning. The Vigilant has left for Pakhoi and Hoihow.

MESSRS. W. Pustau & Co.’s Furniture do., at their house here, was sold by auction to-day.

We understand that a rifle match is to take place shortly between the Police and the Volunteers, the prize being a cup.

WE erroneously alluded to Mr. Theodore Pustau as a bankrupt in our report of the proceedings at the Supreme Court yesterday; it should have been as witness in the bankruptcy of W. Pustau & Co.

WE would call attention to the advertisement afloat on the part of two firemen against the above Company for liquidated damages and balance of 2 months wages (from 8th Dec 1878 to 9th Feb 1879) were resumed to-day.

Mr. Brereton said he was in a very unfortunate position. Some of the Chinese passengers had had their agreements taken from them by their head-men who wanted to compel them to take proceedings, and they had been threatened if they came forward and gave evidence.

His Lordship said that if that could be proved, he would know how to deal with the guilty parties.

Mr. Francis said that he would call His Lordship’s attention to the fact that the above position was now made different materially from those formerly put forward. His learned friend had said there were only one or two men who had not given up their agreements. The men whom he (Mr. Francis) represented were twelve in number, and there was no head-man. He (Mr. Francis) had refused to deal with any head-men, and his clients had all come forward individually.

Mr. Brereton said he had six men whom he would like to bring forward; they were willing to come, but under compulsion. He would subpoena them.

The six men were brought into Court, but were not examined.

Mr. Francis addressed the Court and said, he would not call any evidence, as

the witness called by Mr. Brereton had embodied all his (Mr. Francis’s) witness would have said.

Mr. Brereton addressed the Court for the defence at considerable length. He said,

that if the men had been left on the island

for six months, and had suffered endless

privations, they would have had cause to complain, but this was not the case; they

had received every attention and had been provided with a comfortable passage back to Hongkong. The learned counsel then alluded to the words used by Mr. Francis—disreputable advantage—and submitted that no ad-

vantage whatever had been taken of them.

Mr. Francis had admitted that the Company’s agent (Mr. Baird) had been placed in an extremely difficult position.

He submitted that if the men had gone to Sydney and

shipped on board of any of the Company’s

steamers, that the three years’ agreement

would have become a bit of waste paper.

Alluding to the penal clause which was

inserted in the agreement, by which headmen

would have to forfeit a sum equivalent to 12

months’ pay, he said that was inserted in

the case the men should run away to their

desertion.

Mr. Francis said he would like to call

His Lordship’s attention to the fact that his

friend did not treat the matter in this way

in his opening remarks.

His Lordship said he thought Mr. Brereton was quite in order. Mr. Francis might

have an opportunity to make a few remarks

in reply.

Mr. Brereton then reviewed the treatment

the men had been subjected to, which he

said was of the very best.

He alluded to the loss the Company had

incurred in the loss of a steamer, and having had to

send two vessels to Thursday Island in

consequence. If the men had shown that

they had suffered any loss it would be dif-

ferent, but they had not.

They had re-

ceived three months’ pay each, and a free

passage to and fro, and yet Mr. Francis had

advised them to bring an action against the

Company. The Company was anxious to

obtain the services of the men—or they

would not have entered into agreements

and gone to the expense they had gone to

—but subsequently they found it would be

injudicious to employ them; injudicious

on their own part and very unfair to the

men. No man cares to have to walk

about with a loaded revolver in his pocket.

The Company were acting a humane part

in bringing the men back.

THE CHINA MAIL.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY,
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
MALWA, Captain P. S. TOMLIN, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 16th February,
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, February 1, 1879. f615

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN,
COLOMBO, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd February,
1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
YANGTSE, Commandant NODDEBEK,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIES,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted, until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
On the 21st February, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
agent,
Hongkong, February 13, 1879. f622

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES to EUROPE,
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents,
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. f624

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE;

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on or about the 15th day of March, 1879, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGERS TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMERY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878. f118

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & CO.,
Proprietors,
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my23

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI
during the Summer Months, leaving
Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1ST of OCTOBER,
Dr EASTLACKE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
NO. 50, Queen's Road Central, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLINGS, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.

Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession
1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the
whole House or in Flats, with possession
on the 1st April next.

As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the
DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier,
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-
diate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 64 and 66,
Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates in
Marine Risks to all parts of the World
in accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association. Two Thirds of the Premiums
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,

General Agent,

Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

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THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building,
or on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,

Agents,

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE, to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therin, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & CO.,

Agents,

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
BERLIN.

Guarantees Funds of the
Company's Reinsurance. M. 100,000,000
Shareholders' Capital, " 6,000,000

Premiums and Interests
for 1877, " 5,157,643
Reserves, " 1,666,122

Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,768
Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,924,507,681

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